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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, immediately following the title, please insert the following sentence: --This is a nationalization of PCT/JP01/05470 filed June 26, 2001 and published in Japanese.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

10. (amended) A gasket for a fuel battery as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a front surface (38) of a circuit formed in the substrate is coated by a protecting member constituted by an insulating membrane.